GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:986
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Vacant Posts of Loco Pilots
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has taken any decision regarding the implementation of the report submitted by a Committee to review the duty hours of running and other safety related categories of staff;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the said recommendations are likely to be implemented;
(c) whether a huge number of posts of loco pilots are lying vacant in the Railways and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/ being taken by the Railways in this regard;
(d) whether the Railways have received representations that several number of loco pilots are assigned clerical or personal assistance jobs at various offices in the Railways and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon by the Railways; and
(e) the steps taken/ being taken by the Railways to fill up these vacancies in a time bound manner and ensure that all the loco pilots are assigned only their designated work within the usual duty hours?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) The recommendations of the High Power Committee constituted to review the duty hours of Running Staff are under active consideration and a final decision is likely to be taken at an early date.

(c) to (e) The total number of vacancies in Loco Pilot Category in Zonal Railways as on 01.04.2015 (Provisional) are 16464.
Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. The requirement for various Group 'C' posts is assessed by Zonal Railway(s)/Production Unit(s), which accordingly place indents on concerned Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs). RRBs, in turn, make recruitment on the basis of these indents.
So far as filling up of vacancies of loco pilots is concerned, there is no Direct Recruitment Quota in this post. In this Cadre, the element of Direct Recruitment is at the stage of Assistant Loco Pilots (ALPs). The number of persons empanelled for ALPs through RRBs during last five years is as under:-

S.No.	Year	Candidates Empanelled for ALP
1	2011-2012	9,389
2	2012-2013	14,568
3	2013-2014	8,959
4	2014-2015	1,737
5	2015-2016 (upto 31st Dec. 2015)	10,516
Total		45,169

Procedures have been laid down with regard to dealing of representations. Any representation received is examined and appropriate action taken keeping in view the relevant rules and the administrative exigencies.
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